

## **School Commission Minutes-Jan 9, 2024 @ 6:00 PM Shepherd of the Hills-Virtual**

**Present:** Sarah Benike-Immel, Corey Pelz, Leah Bode, Barb Welsh, Barb Grzywinski, Jenn Wilke, Tim Reichelt, Miss Colwin, Mrs. Mueller, Mrs. Petersen, Mr. Thomas

**Absent:** Father Mark, Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing, John Laughrin, Jennifer Pelz

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Mission Statement**

Walking the path of the Christ with love and service through a Catholic education

**2023-24 Theme:** Be the "I" in Kind - Ephesians 4:32

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." Amen

**School Reports- Tim Reichelt** (Miss Colwin, Mrs. Mueller, Mrs. Petersen, Mr. Thomas)

#### **a. School Good News:**

- a. Christmas concert and chimes choir performed in December. Wonderful feedback from families. Concert followed by cookie social and student council raised funds with a goodwill donation hot chocolate sale. Also included art show.
- b. 6<sup>th</sup> grade visited cancer center with Mrs. Schreiner. They sang Christmas carols, visited patients and handed out bookmarks they had made. Center organizer shared our students were polite and caring. Our students were positively impacted by the experience as well.
- c. Students transitioned back from Christmas break nicely. Started first day back with mass
- d. Started MAP testing week of 1/8, goes through 1/18

#### **b. Principals Report:**

- a. Dinner auction donations continue to roll in; donation made to supplement ticket price for staff to attend
- b. Little Lambs starting February 22; will continue every other week into May with 6 total units
- c. Analyzing MAPS testing data from Spring to Fall of 2023: Reading +40%, middle-school Science +62%, Math +43% growth rate showcasing that student knowledge is growing in core academic subjects. Will look to utilize data further to differentiate curriculum and lessons and align classroom goals.

- d. Catholic Schools Week is January 29-February 2
  - i. Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> we will have Frankie Moscato (previous American Idol contestant) offer two “Be Kind” performances at SOTH. St. Matt’s students will join us for this event. Will also work on valentines for veterans
  - ii. Opening Catholic Schools Week with mass on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, followed by an open house for current and prospective families as well as parishioners. We will have a hot dog stand and lots of activities and showcases within each classroom
  - iii. Will be having a food drive that week

**Review and Approve November Meeting Minutes: Approved**

**Parent/Parishioner Comments:**

- a. Appreciate that Tim has been visible at the end of the day dismissal and has an extra safety presence as children and vehicles are present
- b. Timing of phy-ed for middle-school will be shifting to Thursday morning; communication will be sent to parents
- c. Shout out to Jason Ottery in his role as the Athletic Director. Very organized, making sure we have volunteers and including past students. Been a really good environment.

**Pastoral Council: Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing (No Update)**

**Committee Reports**

**a. Executive and Policy: Sarah Benike-Immel**

- a. Develop sub-committee of staff and commission members to look at 2024-2025 curriculum and calendar

**b. Budget and Fundraising- Jenn Wilke:**

- a. Dinner auction donation items are coming in; deadline is Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Currently donation and RSVP pace is slower than past but expect it to pickup.

**c. Long Range Planning- Tim Reichelt: (No Update)**

**d. Marketing and Recruitment- Tim Reichelt:**

- a. Looking at getting Marketing and Recruitment committee re-established. Steven Knuth (parent), Amelia Petersen (teacher), Lori Freund (teacher) have committed to join the committee. Looking to add a few parishioners.
- b. Getting quotes for radio ads and a social media video upgrade.

- c. Considering a recruitment bonus for families that bring another family to SOTH who register and start.
- e. **Home and School- Barb Grzywinski:**
  - a. 12 Days of Christmas, Christmas Cookie Social, and Christmas Movie all in December and all went well.
  - b. Muffins with mom coming up Wednesday, April 24th
  - c. Will have teams for both Girls on the Run (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Heart and Soul (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade). Still looking for parent volunteers and coaches.
  - d. Will look at holding bake sale to help teachers purchase more books for their classroom libraries.

**Next Meeting: February 13 (Virtual)**

**Tentative Future Meeting Dates:**

March 12, 2024 (In-Person)

April 9, 2024 (Virtual)

May 14, 2024 (In-Person)